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WELFARE ASSOCIATION

A.E.R.A. New Buying List Out.

The July, 49 List of 55 Washington Area Merchants offering substantial discounts to AERA Members has by this time been distributed. With substantial savings constantly available it is hard to understand how any Agriculture employee could neglect to join the AERA. Average savings have been better than \$25 a year.

If you do not have a membership card and one of the new buying lists get in touch with your Agency Recreation Representative right away. Employees in Bureaus that have not yet formed Associations can obtain AERA cards at the Employee Activities Office Room 1073-S

B.A.I. employees have a big outing planned for the Annapolis Roads Beach Club on Chesapeake Bay on Saturday Sept 10th. George Hanna who is the general chairman says that children under 16 will be admitted free and admission for adults will be at \$1.00 each.

CONGRATULATIONS !!

Superior Accomplishment pay increases have been awarded to four outstanding employees of R.E.A. They are:

Katie Davis of Admin Services; Alma Rahrs Engineering; Louisan Mamer - Applications & Loans; and William Spivey of Information Services.

R.E.A. Athletic Association sold over 200 new memberships on the opening day of its new membership drive last week at that rate they'll soon reach 100% New Officers elected in July for the coming year are:

Pres;.....Darryl Johnson
Vice Pres;.....Joseph Farmer
Secy.....Peggy B. Scott
Treas.....Carl E. Day

RED CROSS HOSTESS UNIT has room for new members. A Square Dance on Aug 16 at Quantico, a Ward Party at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Aug 24 and a party and dance at Ft. Belvoir Aug 30 are already scheduled.

Girls who would like to help with hostess work in hospitals & camps can register with Mrs Havey x6229 at the Employee Activities Office Room 1073-S

GRADUATE SCHOOL 28 YEARS OLD

This fall the Graduate School begins its 28th year and the school's new catalogue records an impressive accomplishment since the school has grown from an original resident program with 10 courses and 300 students to over 300 courses and 5,000 students. *****

JOIN THE A.E.R.A.

FASHION SHOW & JOB GROOMING CLINIC

There is an increasing awareness on the part of business girls everywhere of the fact that good grooming and good business go hand-in-hand with success. There is also an increasing awareness among employers that technical skill is only half of a satisfactory employee's qualifications. The other half and in many cases the most important one is to "look and act the part".

With this in mind the A.E.R.A. is sponsoring, through the efforts of the Virginia Farrell Organization of Detroit, a Fashion Show in the Jefferson Memorial Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on August 15 and 16.

This is actually a series of cleverly worked out skits of many dos and don'ts in a typical day in the life of a business girl. Fashions and accessories will be displayed through the courtesy of Woodward and Lothrop and are guaranteed to be clothes suited for the office and within our budget.

Following the Fashion Show there will be a Job Grooming Clinic in the Fourth Wing Cafeteria on August 17, 18, and 19 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Six sessions to choose from so take your choice of time. This program is set-up to give personalized attention to fashions and wardrobe problems, figure and posture faults, make-up and hair-styling needs and special rules for office etiquette.

Tickets for one session of the Fashion Show and one session of the Grooming Clinic are \$3.00 and may be purchased from your A.E.R.A. representative.

The Agriculture Employees Credit Union announces a change in policy toward share (savings) accounts, now permitting a member to deposit up to \$900.00 in any calendar year either in varying amounts periodically, or in a lump sum. Monthly limit of \$25.00 is no longer imposed. If you have a problem which requires borrowing, talk it over with the Credit Union. You can be assured of a courteous, understanding approach to your problem - with no hidden charges. Office hours in Room 5433 are from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Look MaI'm Dancing
THE AGRICULTURE DANCE CLUB will hold its Aug. dance at the Palisades Park Club-House, Wednesday Aug 17 at 8:30 p. m. The clubhouse is located off Mac Arthur Boulevard at Sherrier Place and Edmonds Place (Stop 15 on a #20 Glen Echo street car) For membership cards call at Employee Activities Office Room 1073-S or Phone Earline Papenberg, Assist Secy. Ext 3837.

P.B.A. Agriculture group does our house-keeping on a large scale.....

Did you know that the South Agriculture building is the 2nd largest public building in the world, with 9 miles of corridors, and 4,292 bays and offices. There are 10,600 windows to be cleaned, 12,000 electric fans, (and everyone of them needed these hot days.)

Mr. Joseph A. Velardi, P.B.A. Superintendent of the Agriculture group of buildings since last March 18th, supplied us with this amazing list of facts about the housekeeping job here. It takes 161 laborers on the night shift just to clean the nine miles of corridors and the 4,292 offices after each days work. Giant sizes aren't new to Mr. Velardi however, since before his promotion to Superintendent here he spent several seasons as the chief mechanical engineer at the Pentagon Building. He has been in Washington with the Public Building Administration since 1937, and is licensed as a Professional Engineer by the state of New York.

The Velardi Family lives at 5829 Four Mile Run Drive in North Arlington. A son 18 years old is a sophomore at Georgetown U and a daughter aged 20 will be attending George Washington University this year. Mr. Velardi's hobbies include fishing and boating as well as mechanical tinkering in a home workshop that includes a machine lathe and other similar accessories.

Much of the P.B.A. housekeeping work goes on after hours and often takes place in shops in subbasements that most of us never see. Seven elevator mechanics are kept busy servicing, testing, and repairing the 53 elevators. A staff of 47 elevator operators meets our service demands.

Painting unteen million square foot of walls, corridors, ceilings, etc keeps 25 painters on the go, and incidently Mr. Velardi says that the job of repainting the 9 miles of South Building corridors which was started the 1st of this year on the 6th floor has progressed to a point where the 2nd floor corridor now is 75% completed. Other recent P.B.A. projects include: repaving courts 8 and 9 at the East wing of the Administration Building. The sound proofing jobs done for the Welfare Association in the 5th wing cafeteria and in special dining rooms constitute one P.B.A. project that a great many of us have noticed recently.

Next time you want some service from P.B.A. whether its a lift in the elevator, having a light bulb replaced, a door-check fixed, a key made, or an entire agency moved, remember there are only 300 to 400 employees in the P.B.A. Agriculture group - about one for every 25 or more agriculture employees, - and then you can be properly surprised that you get your service so quickly, and with such quiet efficiency.

SAVINGS on OPERA and THEATRE Tickets
Certificates entitling you to a large reduction in cost of your tickets to shows at Meridian Hill Theatre Festival, and the San Carlo Opera Series now in session at the Watergate are available at the Employee Activities Office - While the last -
Don't Phone Come to room 1073-S or send in your request via chain mail.

RIDES WANTED

Mrs. West, x3105, Arl. Vill., Va. (eves)
Mrs. Mounts, x3153, Sargent R. & Buchanan
Mr. Drake, x4691, Falls Church (Tyler Cdn)
Frances Giabalone, x2277, Trinidad Area.
Betty Albright, x5423, Windsor Ave & Russell Rd. Alexandria.

Mrs Jean Parkinson, x3230, 6005 Wilson Lane, Beth., Md.

Miss Bellas, x5430, 1306 A St. S.E. (ride for two)

Mrs. Kearney, x5358, 42nd & Oglothorpe St. Fyattsville or Rt. Rainier Terminal.

Mrs Muldowncy, x2101, 905 Patton Drive Silver Springs, Md.

Rosaline C. Lifquist, x2413, 1727 Mass Ave N. W.

Mr. G.H. Wahl, x5423, Fairlington.

Margorie Belfield, x5301, Firkwood Vill. Apts. Hyattsville via Agar Rd.

Florence Pickering, x4208, 17th & P N. W.

Mary C. Walsh, x2704, McLean Cdns. 3685-38th St. N. W.

Miss Jones, x5688, 48th & McArthur, N.W. (Evenings)

W.A. Keenan, x4715, 233 Audrey Lane S.E. Glassmanor Apts. Apt 401.

Virginia Hays, x2438, Jefferson Vill. Va. Falls Church.

Mr. Albert, x6350, Quackenbos & New Hamps. Ave. N. E.

Irma Elliott, x4873, a ride to Phoenix, Arizona not later than August 27.

TO JOIN OR JOIN CAR POOL

Mr. Vanderpol, x2228 car pool of 5 people Wis. Ave. Near D. C. Line.

Mrs. Curren, x2351, Varnum Street Brentwood, Md.

Sydney Reagan, x3907, Lee Highway and Lee Blvd. 605 Woodley Pl. (Walnut Hill)

WANTS RIDERS OR ROTATORS

C. Eccleston, x4521, Tomphton Manor Apts. E. Riverdale, Md.

WANTS RIDERS OR ROTATORS

Paul F. Jones, x6392, 13 E. Mason Ave. Alexandria, Va.

Walter L. Miller, x4485, Rock Creek Hills.

WANTS RIDERS

F. W. Mumford, Jr. x2063, New Hamps. Ave.

H. E. Silver Springs, Md.

B.A.E. employees have a gala picnic scheduled for this coming Saturday Aug 13th from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Beltsville Log Lodge. Tom Kuzelka entertainment chairman and Bill Hillenbrand program chairman have promised that the outing will have a wide choice of events, contests, stunts, and activities to be concluded with dancing and square dancing in the evening. The New Officers for the B.A.E. Club to serve until June 30, 1950 are:

Pres.....J. Richard Grant
Vice Pres.....Clarence O. Parker
Secretary.....Bellie W. Jerman
Treasurer.....Ann E. Rutherford

Agriculture Symphony Orchestra is now having a few weeks recess and will resume its regular Friday rehearsals at 8:00 p.m. on Sept. 9th. If you would like to have your name added to the list of the Orchestra's boosters, and be assured of a seat at their free concerts this season send us a note with your name and room - to Welfare Association, Employee Activities Office. Room 1073-S.
